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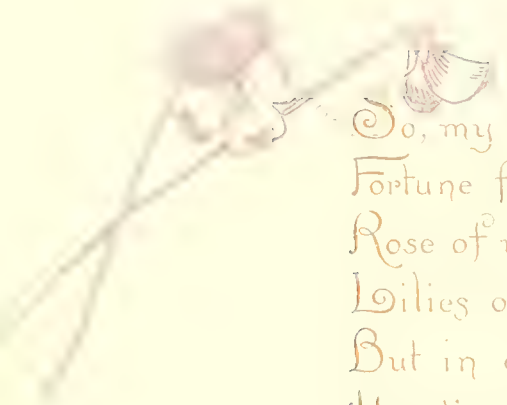
Flowers would I in greeting send,
To a well-beloved friend.
Roses yellow, roses white,
Pearly pink, or crimson bright.
Which are fairest?
Sooth, I know not.

Lilies softly blow pale
Modest lily-of-the-vale,
Breathing perfume saintly fair
Sweet and pure as any saint.
Ghost I saw ye
Nay, I trow not.

Roses thorny, lilies cold,
Violets shy and poppies bold:
All, tho' lovely, do not please.
I will send my friend heart's-ease.
Blossoms that in
Gardens grow not.

Oft the flowers of love and youth
Fading, leave us naught but ruth.
Wearied then, we turn from these,
Seeking comfort and heart's-ease,
Reap we fain would,
Though we sow not.



So, my flow'rs I send thee,
Fortune fair befriend thee,
Rose of morning's glow be thine,
Lilies of the noonday's shine,
But in evening's calm decline
Heart's-ease shall attend thee!

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